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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Director's Conference Room, First Floor, Administration Building, CIA on Thursday, 7 December 1950, at 1100 hours

1. Approval of Minutes of meeting 16 November (IAC-M-6), 30 November (IAC-M-8), and 2 December (IAC-M-9) 2. Presentation on comparative study of US-USSR military and industrial strength Mr. Babbitt (No document) 3. Draft Terms of Reference: China (for NIE-10) (IAC-D-7/1) Dr. Langer 4. NSRB Request for an Estimate (No document) Dr. Langer 5. Draft of Request to General Bradley (IAC-D-5/2) Watch Committee Terms of Reference (IAC-D-6)

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JAMES Q. REBER
Acting Secretary
Intelligence Advisory Committee

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Mr. Kirkpatrick

6 December 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

IAC Meeting, 7 December, Thursday 1100 hours

1. Approval of Minutes of meeting 16 November (IAC-M-6), 30 November (IAC-M-8), and 2 December (IAC-M-9).

2. Presentation on comparative study of US-USSR military and industrial strength. (No document) Mr. Babbitt

This presentation is in response to your request at an IAC meeting of 2 November, IAC-M-3, Paragraph 9. This work has developed through the collaboration of the IAC agencies.

Draft Terms of Reference: China (for NIE-10) (IAC-D-7/1).

I am in agreement with Dr. Langer's office on the idea that Draft Terms of Reference need not be cleared in the IAC unless issues arise at the working level. Dr. Langer may wish to raise this point or the Director may wish to raise it.

4. NSRB Request for an Estimate. (No document) Dr. Langer
It is my understanding that this request has to do with
Chemical and Biological Warfare.

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General Bolling raised this question and the story of its handling is in IAC-D-5. The IAC Secretariat requested each agency to submit its requirements. (These are collated in IAC-D-5/1). The present document IAC-D-5/2 is a recommendation prepared by the Secretariat as a means of getting approval and immediate action on this question.

6. Watch Committee Terms of Reference. (IAC-D-6)

The Military has had a successfully operating Watch Committee. The CIA Watch Committee referred to in this

paper has been in operation for some months. Its performance has not been adequate in the views of some of the agencies, possibly for reasons of personnel.

Before approving these Terms of Reference, however, it should be decided whether two Watch Committees are necessary. I understand that State's view is (and it was State that suggested that CIA have a Watch Committee before it knew of the Military Watch Committee) that it is satisfied with the military performance. I doubt seriously if the Military would agree to the abolition of their successful operation. It seems to me that the agencies CIA interest should be that this function is properly being performed collaboratively in the Government and I question whether it is necessary for it to be headed by CIA.

Alternative action, therefore, for the approval of these Terms of Reference is to approve the abolition of the CIA Watch Committee and the strengthening of the Military Watch Committee.

JAMES Q. REBER, Acting Chief Office of Intelligence Coordination